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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Trip Report to Headquarters NORAD**

1. The following named officers attended discussions at Headquarters NORAD:

Colonel Gould, Headquarters NORAD  
Colonel Taylor, 28th NORAD Region, Deputy for Operations  
Colonel Tweedy, 28th NORAD Region, Director of Operations  
Lt. Colonel Wilson, AFCIG-5, Headquarters USAF

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2. Initial discussions were held with Colonel Gould which were introduced by Lt. Colonel Wilson who established the priority and sensitivity for this exercise. Lt. Colonel Wilson briefed that this priority was based on recent SAC evaluations and the possibility that the U-2 would again be used over the USSR. He further advised Colonel Gould that our interest was evaluation of low altitude tactics for ultimate use in overflights. Colonel Gould recommended that this exercise be worked out with 28th NORAD regional representatives, who happened to be present in the headquarters. This was agreed to by all concerned with the stipulation that NORAD representatives, other than Colonel Gould, would not be advised that CIA was represented, that the U-2 had inflight refueling capabilities or the ultimate purpose of the exercise.

3. Colonel Taylor and Colonel Tweedy were briefed on the exercise requirements and their assistance requested in finalizing details. It was noted that the F-106 is grounded at this time and the only available first line fighter interceptor is the F-101. No other problems were foreseen by NORAD which would preclude the exercise, however, many details will have to be handled on very short notice. Direct coordination

USAF review(s) completed.

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for handling the mission between Colonel Taylor and [ ] was authorized. It should be noted that during the interim period while face plates are being modified F-101 interceptors on the West Coast normally stand alert without benefit of partial pressure suits and are therefore restricted to 45,000 feet. Selected pilots with partial pressure suits will be scheduled during the liability period of this exercise.

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4. Colonel Wilson was requested to follow up on the authority of [ ] the Tanker Aircraft Commander, to conduct tactics as stipulated by [ ]

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5. Code name [ ] is assigned to this exercise with one mission to be flown Thursday, 5 October, and one to be flown Friday, 6 October.

a. 5 October 1961:

This mission will be an inflight refueling mission with the tanker aircraft on a filed flight plan to penetrate from 250 NM off the coast. U-2 aircraft will not be on a flight plan, will refuel at 200 miles from the coast line at 1000 feet, then descend to minimum safe altitude and continue towards the coast. After refueling the tanker aircraft will return to Edwards AFB Main. The U-2 will continue at minimum safe altitude to the coastline and begin maximum climb to maximum altitude and level off for 30 minutes. During the entire period of penetration, climb, and cruise the track will be handled by the 28th NORAD Region as an unknown from the time of detection until an interceptor makes contact. At this time the track will be designated a special mission track which will negate the requirement of forward telling information through the NORAD network. After 30 minutes flight on course at maximum altitude the U-2 will return to Edwards AFB. System IX will be used on this exercise.

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[ ] by phone when the aircraft depart Edwards AFB. Designated coast in time is 2200Z.

Colonel Taylor indicated that he personally will be in the position of the Battle Commander. Colonel Tweedy will also be positioned in a strategic location to assist in monitoring the mission.

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[ ] will be present in the site at Camp Beale. [ ] will be specifically instructed that at the point the fighter begins his ID pass instructions will be given that no pull ups or

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operations in front of the U-2 will be accomplished. Colonel Taylor is aware of this requirement and advised that he would provide backup assurance that such instructions were issued to the fighter pilots.

b. 6 October 1961:

This mission will be flown without inflight refueling and the U-2 aircraft will be on a flight plan. Exact coordinates and date time groups will be provided to the NORAD Region. To assure detection and attempted intercept, other than deviations noted, the mission will remain the same as the mission on 5 October.

c. Reports:

An immediate report was requested on the termination of each mission to be provided to AFCIG-5 by Colonel Taylor. The report will include, but not be limited to, the following items:

- (1) Time and place of radar detection.
- (2) Reaction time of interceptor from detection to intercept.
- (3) Pilot will accomplish identification place and report aircraft tail numbers (aircraft type will not be reported).
- (4) If identification pass unsuccessful pilot will report an any visual contacts.
- (5) Complete critique for pilots and controller for any input on tactics or opinions as to capability of intercept.

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